(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the agricultural products will play a major role in this export;

(c) if so, the Government's reaction in this regard,

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the rate of increase in agriculture production has reduced to 1.5 per cent from almost 4 per cent; and

(e) if so, the assessment of the likely effect on the domestic consumption on account of increasing the export in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the past few years agriculture and allied products have accounted for a share of 12-13 per cent in total exports.

(d) and (e) According to the advanced estimates of CSO for the year 2004-05 agriculture and allied sector is expected to grow by 1.1 per cent compared with 9.6 per cent in the previous year. Export of commodities including agricultural commodities is dependent on a host of actors which include domestic availability, domestic prices, international prices, etc. Hence there may not be any adverse impact of exprots on domestic consumption.

Exports target

†3567. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed for export of various items and services during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have successfully achieved the prescribed targets of the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the targets fixed for exports during the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Merchandise export targets for the last three years *i.e.* 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 were fixed at 12%, 12% and 16% respectively. No targets were fixed for service

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

exports during the same period. As against these export targets, growth of 20.3% and 21.1% were achieved during 2002-03 and 2003-04 . The export growth for 2004-05 is likely to be around 24%.

(d) An export target of 92 billion dollars has been fixed for the year 2005-06.

Industrial policy for NER

3568. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of any proposals under consideration of the Central Government to formulate a separate industrial policy for the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the policy;

(c) the details of the benefits expected from this policy; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) Government announced the North-East Industrial Policy (NEIP) on 24th December, 1997, to attract the investors and for promoting industrialization in the North-Eastern Region. Under this policy, various concessions have been allowed to industrial units in the North-Eastern Region, which include development of industrial infrastructure, excise and income-tax exemption and Subsidy Schemes like Central Capital Investment Subsidy, Central Interest Subsidy and Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme.

Based on the impact study conducted by the Ministry and the discussions with State Government of North-Eastern States and various stakeholders, it is proposed to revise the North-East industrial package in order to deepen the intervention.

Anti-dumping cases registered

3569. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of anti-dumping cases registered during the last three years; year-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether it is true that majority of the anti-dumping cases registered are against China alone;